2) Replacement of exis.ing 1 KW MW transmitter by 10 KW MW (Yuva Vani).

2 Jammu:

(1) Replacement of existing 1 KW MW transmitter by 10 KW MW.

(2) Upgradation of the power of existing 50 KW MW transmitter to 300 KW MW.

3. Left:

Installation of a short wave trans- mitter of 10 KW.

Construction of new radio stations at Bhadarwah, Kargil, Poonch and Kathua also figure in AIR's draft proposals for the 7th Plan.

Implementation of these schemes will depend on the final allocation of funds for AIR during 7th Plan.

Doordarshan programmes in Jammu and Kashmir as counter to Pak T. V. programmes

2870. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased t_0 state what $step_s$ are con- to make out T.V. more !e in Karnah, Keran, Gureg, , Poonch areas, to counter T.V. programmes of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Whereas Rajouri and Poonch areas shall b_e brough under TV coverage with the installation of High Power transmitters in Jammu and Poonch, the extension of TV service to other uneovere-1 areas in the State would depend upon the availability of resources during the future pians of TV expansion.

Greater Aizawal water scheme

2871. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) when the Greater Aizawal water scheme started;

(b) what is the amount which has been allocated for the scheme and how much has been spent so far; and

(c) the time by when the scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Technical approval for the revised phase I of the Greater Aizawal water supply scheme was accorded by the Central Public Health Engineering Organisation of the Ministry of Works and Housing on 14th February, 1983. Administrative approval for the revised phase I was accorded by the Union Territory Administration in March, 1984. The tender fo_r civil portion of the work was finalised in June, 1984 and mechanical portion in July, 1984. The work on the project is in progress.

(b) An amount of Rs. 300 lakhs has been proposed to be earmarked ;for the projec. during the current financial year. The esact amount spent so far out of this is not readily available.

(c) According to present indications, the project is like! com- pleted by March, 1986.

Population covered by T.V. in uttar Pradesh

2872, DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population in U. P. covered by television and the percentage in that State as compared to all India percentage; and

(b) what is the programme for the expansion of T.V. in U.P. during the next three years, the names of places to be covered under the programme and the percentage of population to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) About 84% population of Uttar Pradesh is covered by TV service against the National average of 70% expected to be achieved on completion of VI Plan schemes.

(b) The 7th Five Year Plan proposals of Doordarshan have not yet been finalised, and will depend upon the availability of resources.

Indian labourers sent abroad

2873. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian labourers who have been sent to foreign countries during the last two years: and

(b) the names of those countries where these labourers have been sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Country wise details of Indian Labourers sent abroad during 1983 and 1984 are as under : —

Country	No. of Workers
1	2
Bahrain	34,408
Iraq	24,399
Jordan	1,044
Kuwait	19,956
Libya	11,079
Oman	92,318
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen/Yemen Arab Republic	3,080
Qatar	12,134
Saudi Arabia	1,71,374
UAE	49,845
Singapore	509
Others	10,801
TOTAL :	4,30,917

Preference to cooperatives in distribution of essential commodities

2874. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to all State Governments to give priority to cooperatives in the distribution of essential commodities in their States;

(b) whether the State Governments have been following this direction; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Government have suggested to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that the cooperatives should be given a large role in distribution of essential commodities under the public Distribution System. In some States, the number of the fair price shops are more in the cooperative sector.

Import of films by non-resident Indians

2875. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films imported by non-resident Indians last year